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SUBJECT: KYPRIANOU VISIT TO LONDON

SUMMARY: KYPRIANOU, IN HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER
CALLAGHAN, PRESENTED A VIEW OF THE CYPRUS SITUATION
WHICH CONFIRMED HIS CURRENT INFLEXIBILITY. CALLAGHAN
WAS, AS USUAL, CORDIAL. BUT IN SUBSTANCE UNSYMPATHETIC
TO KYPRIANOU'S STANCE, AND PARTICULARLY TO THE IDEA OF
FURTHER INTERNATIONALIZING THE CYPRUS ISSUE.END SUMMARY

1. TIMOTHY DAUNT (HEAD SOUTHERN EUROPEAN DEPT, FCO)
BRIEFED EMBOFF ON KYPRIANOU VISIT AND MEETING WITH
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PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN. DAUNT STRESSED HE HAD NO
AUTHORITY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON PM'S DISCUSSIONS.
POSTS SHOULD NOT, THEREFORE, INDICATE TO UK OFFICIALS
THAT WE HAVE BEEN BRIEFED ON VISIT, PARTICULARLY
SINCE UK EMBASSIES DO NOT SEEM TO HAVE BEEN SIMILARLY
INFORMED.

2. KYPRIANOU HAD FIRST INDICATED HIS DESIRE TO COME TO LONDON LAST APRIL. SCHEDULING PROBLEMS HAD LED THE UK TO DELAY THE VISIT UNTIL THIS MONTH. KYPRIANOU USED HIS FOUR DAY STAY IN LONDON TO POLITIC TO GOOD EFFECT WITH LOCAL GREEK CYPRIOT COMMUNITY, JOURNALISTS AND OTHERS. HIS ONLY OFFICIAL CONTACT WAS AN APPROXIMATELY 75 MINUTE MEETING WITH CALLAGHAN.

3. THIS CONVERSATION OPENED WITH AN EXPOSITION OF KYPRIANOU'S VIEWS. DENKTASH HE MAINTAINED WAS COMMITTED TO PARTITION. HE THOUGHT THAT ECEVIT WAS AS WELL. TIME WAS WORKING AGAINST TURKEY. DENKTASH WAS LOSING THE SUPPORT OF THE TURKISH CYPRIOT COMMUNITY. IN THIS SITUATION IT WAS PERFECTLY REASONABLE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS TO REFUSE ALL NEGOTIATIONS UNTIL TURKISH TROOPS WERE OUT OF CYPRUS. THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT WAS NOT, HOWEVER, FOLLOWING THIS COURSE. RATHER, IT WAS GOING FORWARD WITH A TWO-PRONED APPROACH: FIRST, TO SEEK TO FURTHER INTERNATIONALIZE THE CYPRUS ISSUE AND, SECOND, TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN "PRINCIPALS" (I.E., KYPRIANOU AND ECEVIT). IT WAS NECESSARY TO KEEP THE PRESSURE ON TURKEY, WHICH WAS WHY THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT SOUGHT TO INTERNATIONALIZE THE ISSUE, AND WHY IT WAS DOING WHAT IT COULD TO PREVENT THE US EMBAROO BEING LIFTED. THE US APORECIA-TION OF THE SITUATION WAS MISGUIDED. UN RESOLUTIONS
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ON CYPRUS NEEDED TO BE IMPLEMENTED. KYPRIANOU EX-OECTED THAT HIS UNSSOD PROPOSALS FOR THE DE-MILITARIZA-TION OF CYPRUS WOULD COME BEFORE THE SECURITY COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. HE ASKED UK SUOPORT. HE INDICATED THAT HE WAS NOT PREPARED TO ENTER INTO OUAADIOARTITE DISCUSSIONS NOR WOULD HE DEAL DIRECTLV WITH DENKTASH. HE WAS, HOWEVER, PREPARED TO MEET WITH ECEVIT IN A PERSONAL CAPACITY.

4. IN RESPONSE CALLAOHAN WAS POLITE, FRIENDLV BUT IN SUBSTANCE, FROM KYORIANOU'S STANDPOINT, ALMOST ENTIRELV NEOATIVE. CALLAOHAN SAID PERHAPS THERE WAS NO POSSIBILITY OF PROGRESS ON CYPRUS, BUT THAT OF ALL THE ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE, HE FELT THAT FURTHER INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE ISSUE HAD LEAST TO RECOMMEND IT. HE SUGGESTED THAT OURSUANCE OF INTER-COMMUNAL NEGOTIATIONS OFFERED THE ONLY HOPE. NEITHER, CALLAGHAN SAID, DID HE SEE ANY PROFIT IN PURSUINQ KYORI-ANOU'S UNSSOD PROPOSALS FOR THE DEMILITARIZATION OF CYORUS HE AGREED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN ECEVIT AND KYORIANOU WAS DESIRABLE AND ADVISED KYPRIANOU TO TAKE SERIOUSLY ECEVIT'S REOEATED STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT HE

DID NOT SUPPORT PARTITION. CALLAGHAN EXPRESSED THE VIEW THAT THE POSITION ADVANCED BY MAKARIOS IN 1977 OFFERED THE ONLY POSSIBLE OATH TOWARD A RESOLUTION OF THE PROBLEM. KYRIANOU REPLIED THAT MAKARIOS' POOR HEALTH HAD INFLUENCED HIM IN MAKING THESE PROPOSALS AND CLAIMED THAT MAKARIOS HAD ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE HIS DEATH TOLD KYPRIANOU THAT HE REGRETTED

HAVING MADE THEM. NEVERTHELESS, KYRIANOU SAID, THE GOVERNMENT OF CYPRUS STOOD BEHIND THEM AND WAS WILLING TO ACCEPT A BIZONAL FEDERATION.

5. CALLAGHAN AND KYRIANOU MET FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES ENTIRELY PRIVATELY. DURING THIS PART OF THE CONVERSATION
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TION KYPRIANOU REFERRED TO A STATEMENT MADE BY MINISTER OF DEFENCE MULLEY AT A WESTERN EUROPEAN UNION MEETING IN WHICH HE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO GIVE UP THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS IF IT WOULD PROMOTE A SETTLEMENT. DAUNT EMPHASIZED TO EMBOFF THAT MULLEY HAD ON THIS OCCASION MUDDLED HIS BRIEF. THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE IN THE UK POSITION ON THIS ISSUE. CALLAGHAN, IN RESPONDING TO KYPRIANOU, HAD SO INDICATED. HE HAD SAID THAT, SHOULD THE TIME COME WHEN IT APPEARED THAT A SETTLEMENT COULD BE BROUGHT TO CONCLUSION BY SOME TERRITORIAL ADJUSTMENT INVOLVING THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS, THE UK WOULD BE WILLING TO CONSIDER SUCH A STEP. IT HAD, CALLAGHAN SAID, NOT AS YET DONE SO.

6. DAUNT NOTED THAT THE ATMOSPHERE AT THE MEETING HAD BEEN CORDIAL AND THE EXCHANGES POLITE AND GOOD NATURED. WHILE KYRIANOU SEEMS TO HAVE ACHIEVED HIS PRINCIPAL, ESSENTIALLY PUBLIC RELATION PURPOSE IN THE VISIT. DAUNT THOUGHT HE PROBABLY HAD BEEN MILDLY DISAPPOINTED WITH CALLAGHAN'S RESPONSE TO HIS PRESENTATION. DAUNT ALSO FELT THAT THE PRINCIPLE IMPRESSION KYPRIANOU HAD PROBABLY LEFT ON CALLAGHAN WAS ONE OF UNREASONABLE RIGIDITY.

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